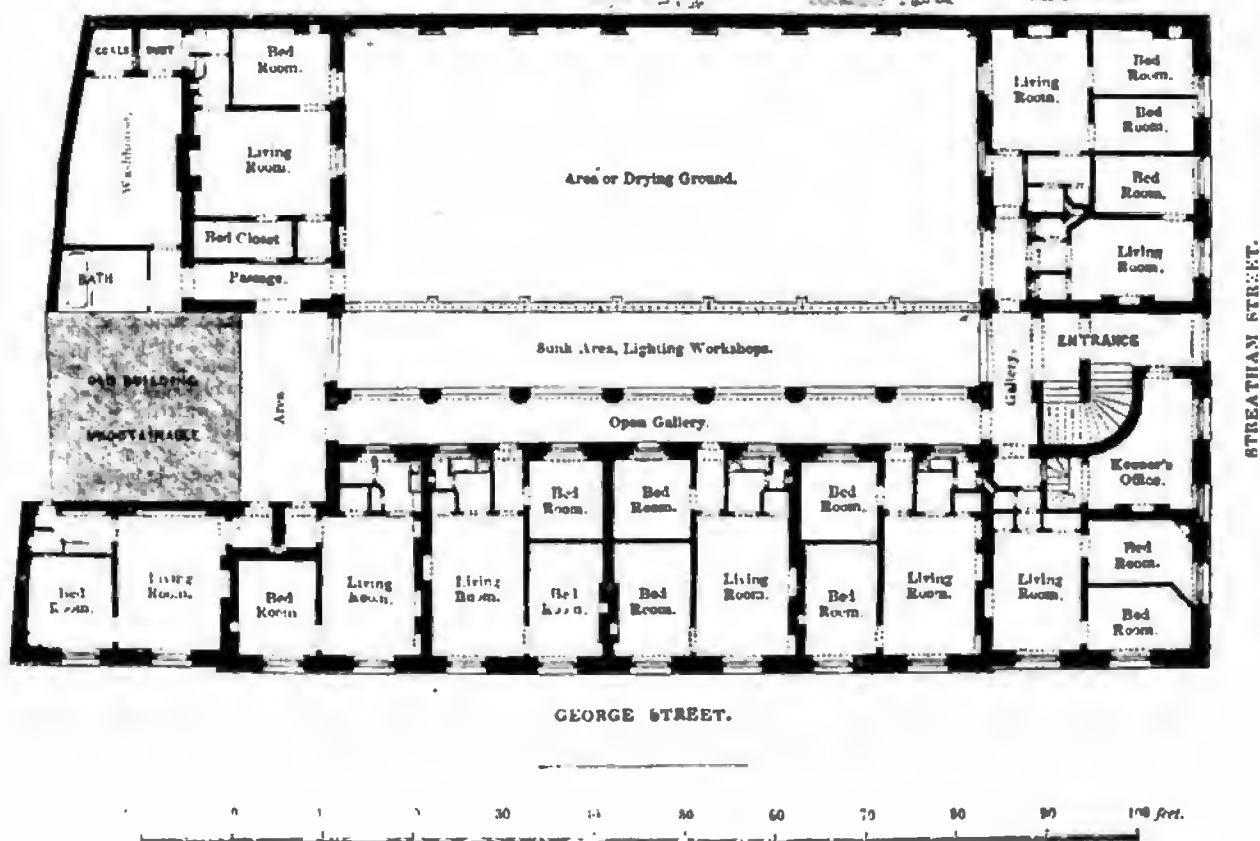


MODEL HOUSES FOR FAMILIES, STREATHAM-STREET, BLOOMSBURY.

MR. H. ROBERTS, HONORARY ARCHITECT.



PLAN OF GROUNDED FLOOR.



next page shows, at a larger scale, one tenement or set of apartments, with the fittings requisite for a well-ordered family: in addition to the bed-rooms there is provision for an enclosed bed in the closet out of the living-room.

The nature of the foundation rendering excavation to a considerable depth indispensable, a basement story is to be formed, with a range of work-hops. We may mention that the site was granted to the Society on lease for 99 years, at a rent of 50*l.* per annum.

The Royal Patriotic Society of Scotland is endeavouring to carry out objects similar to those of this society, at Edinburgh, Perth, Inverness, and other neighbouring places, as

well as promoting field gardens, fisheries, and agricultural education; and they publish periodically an *Industrial Magazine* of information bearing on the means of improving the circumstances of the lower classes. They appear to be strenuously striving to do their amount of good, and we cordially wish them success.

The competition opened by the Society of Arts for the best design for labourers' cottages was not successful; at all events the council refused to award the prize to any competitor, on the ground, as we understood, either that the designs were not equal in merit to those submitted last year, or that the stipulated sum, 100*l.* for each five-roomed cottage, had been overpassed. Several competitors wrote to us

indignantly on the subject. Three said, candidly, they found it quite impossible to give the accommodation required for the sum named. Another said,—"If I can show that my design has all the comforts that can reasonably or possibly be expected for a cottage that is to be built for 100*l.*, have the Society of Arts any right to hold out a bait to 'take up' the time, money, and may I say talent, of any person capable of competing, without taking sufficient pains to ascertain whether there was not one, that had complied with all their demands; or did they advertise merely with a view to decorate their walls on occasion of an exhibition of arts and manufactures?"

We do not remember the terms of the adver-